
State Water Resources Control Board

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

The State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office
will be holding hearings
regarding the Amended Draft Cease and Desist Orders
that were issued to the following people and entities on the following dates:

Eddie Vierra Farms, June 12, 2020
George Speckman Testamentary Trust, June 12, 2020
Loren and Dolores Ohm, June 12, 2020

This order follows Pre-Hearing Conference held on
July 1, 2020

The State Water Board's Division of Water Rights originally issued Draft Cease and Desist Orders to Eddie Vierra Farms, Loren and Dolores Ohm and the George Speckman Testamentary Trust ("Respondents") on the dates in 2009 and 2010 that were listed in the March 11, 2020 Notice of Status Conference for these proceedings. The Delta Watermaster issued Amended Draft CDOs ("Amended Draft CDOs") to these three parties on June 12, 2020.

On July 1, 2020, the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board" or "Board"), Administrative Hearings Office ("AHO"), held a pre-hearing conference regarding the AHO's proceedings on the Amended Draft CDOs. This order follows that conference. The hearing officer apologizes for his delay in issuing this order. The AHO has been occupied with other matters.

The AHO directs the parties to take the following actions by the following deadlines.

July 31, 2020, 4:00 pm: The Division of Water Rights/Office of the Delta Watermaster – Prosecution Team ("Prosecution Team") shall serve copies of all of its documents that are within the scopes of Respondents' requests for documents. Copies of these requests were attached to Respondents' June 26, 2020 pre-hearing conference statements. The Prosecution Team shall advise the AHO by letter or e-mail, with copies to Respondents' attorneys, when the Prosecution Team has served these copies on Respondents' attorneys. The Prosecution shall not file copies of these documents with the AHO.

During the July 1 pre-hearing conference, the Prosecution Team agreed to serve these documents by July 18 in the Eddie Vierra Farms proceeding and by July 23 in the other

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two proceedings. Because of the AHO's delay in issuing this order, the AHO is specifying July 31 as the Prosecution Team's deadline for these actions.

August 14, 2020, 4:00 pm: The Prosecution Team shall serve written responses to the Respondents' requests for information, copies of which were attached to Respondents' June 26, 2020 pre-hearing conference statements. The Prosecution Team shall advise the AHO by letter or e-mail, with copies to Respondents' attorneys, when the Prosecution Team has served these written responses on Respondents' attorneys. The Prosecution shall not file copies of these written responses with the AHO.

September 11, 2020, 4:00 pm: The Prosecution Team shall, separately for the hearings in each of these matters, file and serve its exhibits and testimony.

October 12, 2020, 4:00 pm: The George Speckman Trust shall file its exhibits and testimony.

October 26, 2020, 4:00 pm: Eddie Vierra Farms shall file their exhibits and testimony for the hearing regarding the Home Ranch.

November 9, 2020, 4:00 pm: Eddie Vierra Farms shall file their exhibits and testimony for the hearing regarding the Woods Ranch.

December 7, 2020, 4:00 pm: Eddie Vierra Farms shall file their exhibits and testimony for the hearing regarding the Walker Ranch.

December 21, 2020, 4:00 pm: Loren and Dolores Ohm shall file their exhibits and testimony.

Hearing Schedule:

The AHO will hold the hearings in these matters on the following dates:

-November 3 and 4, 2020, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm: George Speckman Trust.

-November 19 and 20, 2020, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm: Eddie Vierra Farms, Home Ranch.

-December 2 and 3, 2020, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm: Eddie Vierra Farms, Woods Ranch.

-January 7 and 8, 2021, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm: Eddie Vierra Farms, Walker Ranch.

-January 14 and 15, 2021, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm: Loren and Dolores Ohm.

The AHO will be issuing a separate notice for the hearing or hearings on each Amended Draft CDO. These notices will specify the detailed requirements for exhibits and testimony and the hearing procedures.

Date: July 23, 2020

/s/ ALAN B. LILLY
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Presiding Hearing Officer

Enclosure: Service List

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